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SUBJECT

ODINGA'S REACTION TO GHANA COUP

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1. AT 1ØØØ ON 24 FEBRUARY 1966, KENYA VICE PRESIDENT OGINGA ODINGA HELD A MEETING AT HIS OFFICE TO DISCUSS THE GHANA COUP. AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSEPH MURUMBI, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING RICHARD ACHIENG ONEKO AND THE RECENTLY SUSPENDED MINISTER OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES PAUL NGEI. ALL PRESENT WERE DESPONDENT OVER THE EVENTS IN GHANA. MURUMBI SAID THE PLACE FOR THE NEXT COUP COULD BE TANZANIA AND THAT THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUP IN GHANA. ODINGA DISAGREED WITH THIS SAYING THAT IT WAS THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES AND THAT POLITICIANS WOULD

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NEVER BE APPRECIATED BY THE MASSES. ODINGA SAID THEY SHOULD ALL RESIGN SINCE POLITICIANS LOSE OUT IN THE END ANYWAY. (b)(3)

2. LATER IN THE DAY, ODINGA HAD A SMALL LUNCHEON AT HIS NAIROBI HOUSE WITH ONEKO. AT THAT TIME, ODINGA SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE WORKING TOGETHER TO RECONQUER AFRICA. ACCORDING TO ODINGA, AFRICA'S ONLY HOPE IS COMMUNIST CHINA AND THE ONLY GOOD LEADERS LEFT ON THE CONTINENT WERE NASSER AND NYERERE. ODINGA SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH NYERERE ON 24 FEBRUARY BUT REVEALED NO DETAILS OF THE CONVERSATION.

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